

Governor Carney's Statement on EPA's Replacement of Clean Power Plan

Governor John Carney released the following statement after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's announced its decision to replace the Clean Power Plan with the Affordable Clean Energy Rule:

"I'm disappointed in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's decision to replace the Clean Power Plan with the Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) Rule, which removes a strong incentive for states and the Federal government to work together to protect and improve air quality.

"Delaware citizens and our economy will be negatively affected by the ACE Rule. Rising average temperatures and prolonged heat waves pose critical health risks to Delaware farmers, outdoor workers, children, and the elderly. Changing climate conditions will increase local levels of particulate matter and ground-level ozone, which increase the risk our residents face of premature death and chronic heart and lung problems, and many of these pollutants are transported from states to the west of us. These threats will only increase if we do not take a stance as a nation and a global community to reduce the human emissions of greenhouse gases that feed rapid climate change.

"We must reduce greenhouse gas emissions to address climate change and the dangers it poses to all of us."

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